

BOARD OF EDUCATION
EGG HARBOR CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Egg Harbor City, New Jersey 08215

Minutes

Regular Meeting

October 13, 2021

Charles L. Spragg School

Multi-Purpose Room

601 Buffalo Avenue

7:00 PM

I. Regular Meeting

This is to advise those present at this meeting of the Board of Education of the Egg Harbor City School District, in the County of Atlantic, that adequate notice has been given of this meeting as required by the provision of Chapter 231 of the Laws of 1975; that notice thereof has been forwarded for publication in the District official newspapers, posted in the city Schools, and forwarded to the city Clerk within the time required by said Act.

The Board values and welcomes comments and opinions from residents as long as remarks are not personal or discourteous. The public comment portion of the meeting allows the Board to listen to community members and to hear their opinions on school policy and operations.

There are two opportunities to address the Board. The first public portion is reserved for persons wishing to speak about agenda items only. The second opportunity, following the action items, residents may address the Board on any school related issue. Once identified, a speaker is asked to limit their comments to three minutes. Yielding time is not permitted. The public comments portion of the meeting will not exceed 30 minutes total.

II. Flag Salute

III. Roll Call

Mr. Bouchard ('21)-P

Ms. Fuentes ('22)-P

Ms. Caudo ('23)-P

Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-P

Mrs. Seaver ('22)-P

Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23)-P

Ms. Rogers ('21)-P

IV. Moment of Silence to Honor Former Board Member Stephen Murphy

V. Presentation of 2020-2021 Assessment Data by Alysha Garcia

VI. Open Floor to Public

Andrew Ross asked about the after school remediation motion. Dr. Forester explained that it is focused on augmenting the 21st CCLC program, but funded through another grant program.

VII. Comments for the Good of the Board

Mr. Bouchard brought up having NJSBA come in to do a workshop. NJSBA recommended waiting until January in case there are new board members. It is set tentatively for the second Wednesday in January, 2022.

VIII. Monthly Reports

a. Superintendent / Principal Report *Attachment*

Mrs. Shulby brought up approving the after school remediation program at Spragg for K-2 students funded through CRRSA from Tuesday-Thursday. Also, she updated close contacts vs. positive cases in regards to Covid. There is a new chart on the website to keep track of all positive cases.

b. Business Administrator Report

Mr. Bedell mentioned that the audit generally went well and the on-site work is complete. He gave an update on the ESIP project - the local government energy audit on-site work is done and the infrastructure grade energy audit started 10/13. He also gave an update on federal grants: the American Rescue Plan is submitted and final reports from FY21 are waiting on county approval.

c. Director of Special Projects Report

Dr. Forester mentioned working as a team to work on the best way to strategize spending the American Rescue Plan funding, including after school remediation, professional development, specifically on social-emotional well-being, an expanded summer program, and more. She mentioned that Mrs. Garcia did a great job on her presentation. Finishing the first round of evaluations, the teachers are doing innovative work.

- d. EHCCS Principal Report *Attachment*
Mr. Griffith talked about how the Start Strong assessment went. Start Strong is the new statewide assessment because state testing was waived the last 2 years. The smart goals and budget for SIA was formally approved. He also highlighted how proud he is of how incredibly hard all the staff are working.
- e. Supervisor of Early Childhood/LDTC Report
- f. Board Solicitor’s Report

IX. Board Minutes

Motion: Ms Caudo
Second: Ms Rogers

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
 - i. September 8, 2021 Regular *Attachment*

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

X. Financial Items

Motion: Ms. Rogers
Second: Mr. Guercioni

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):**
 - i. Board Secretary’s Report – August 2021 *Attachment*
 - ii. Treasurer of School Moneys Report – August 2021 *Attachment*

- b. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)3 The Egg Harbor City Board of Education certifies that as of 8/31/21 after review of the Board Secretary's monthly financial report (Revenue and Appropriation sections) and upon consultation with the appropriate district officials that to the best of our knowledge no major account or fund has been over-expended in violation of N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-16.10(c)4 and there have been no changes in anticipated revenue sources and/or amounts so that sufficient funds are available to meet the district's financial obligations for the remainder of the fiscal year.

- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** September 2021 Bill’s List *Handout*

1	General Account	\$680,099.53
2	Capital Account	\$0.00
3	Food Service Account	\$3,254.12
4	Payroll Account	\$631,342.78
5	Debt Service Account	\$86,990.63

- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Budget transfer (Resolution #22-5) for the 2021-2022 school year in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6:20-2:13 and Chapter 196 Laws of 1967, as follows:
October 13, 2021 Fund 10 - \$384,75.05 Fund 20 - \$30,000.00 *Attachment*
- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the submission of Amendment 1 to the CRRSA grant in EWEG.
- i. ESSER II - \$946,922
 - ii. Learning Acceleration - \$60,768
 - iii. Mental Health - \$45,000
- f. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the submission and acceptance of the American Rescue Plan grant in EWEG.
- i. ARP ESSER - \$2,128,146
 - ii. Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant - \$59,791
 - iii. Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant - \$40,000
 - iv. Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant - \$40,000
 - v. MTSS Mental Health Support Staffing Grant - \$88,501
- g. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve a contract with Ricoh for two copy machines, 1 IM C3500 and 1 IM C4500, at \$365.74 per month for 48 months. Black and white copies over 30,000 will be charged at \$.0069 per page and color over 150 will be charged at \$.0454 per page. *Attachment*
- h. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve admitting a homeless student with ID #454373341799 from Winslow Township School District effective 9/27/21 at a prorated tuition rate of \$13,056.04 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

- i. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve admitting 3 homeless students from Egg Harbor Township School District, for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:
 - i. Student ID #948163149185381185013 at a tuition rate of \$14,761.80.
 - ii. Student ID #6214219215f4250995477 at a tuition rate of \$14,063.40.
 - iii. Student ID #445080371082371837528 at a tuition rate of \$14,329.80.

Ms. Rodgers asked if we don't get grant money next year, how will we pay for items that use grant money. Mr. Bedell responded that grant money is used for one-time projects, not recurring projects.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
 Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
 Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

XI. Non-instructional Operations Items

Motion: Ms. Rogers

Second: Mr. Guercioni

- a. Misc
 - i. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the Egg Harbor City Board of Education and the Egg Harbor City Police Department. *Attachment*
- b. Transportation
 - i. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the following bus routes for the 2021-2022 school year:
 1. Contract CM18 for field trips as needed at \$365.89 for the first hour and \$99 for each additional hour.
 2. Contract CM19P/Route EHC1 \$57,706.20 to EHCS D
 3. Contract CM20A/Route SP4P to the Reeds Road School in Galloway at \$3605.79 for student ID #51269389259290443f98642168
 4. Contract CM20D/Route YL-E2 at \$13270.20 to Y.A.L.E. School East for student ID #18984338742529559662

5. Contract CM17G/Route ACS-GE13 at \$45,571.92 to ACSSSD for student ID #950908214861285165216594, #27112835504860734016, #1432694414018383342, #4923896902934359908, #74375065864368729436, and #7609369966246122142070

- ii. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** School Bus Emergency Evacuation Drill Report *Attachment*

Mrs. Seaver asked why we pay transportation costs for other schools. Mr. Bedell explained these are our students attending these schools for special services.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

XII. Personnel Items – as recommended by the Superintendent of Schools:

Motion: Ms. Rogers

Second: Mrs. Seaver

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Andrew Ross as the EHCCS National Junior Honor Society advisor for the 2021-2022 school year at the contractual rate.
- b. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Intermittent Family Medical Leave of Absence for Tiffany Ljoka through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year. *Attachment*
- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the following staff for the CLS After School Remediation Program, 3 hours per week for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year at the contractual rate, funded by CRRSA:
 - i. Walker
 - ii. Vendetti
 - iii. Sharp
 - iv. Rheault
 - v. Garcia
 - vi. Merrigan
 - vii. Hennaut (substitute)
 - viii. Farnan, M (substitute)

- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the posting of the following anticipated full-time position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year, funded by and pending approval of the FY'22 American Rescue Plan ESSER III grant.
 - i. 1 Elementary/Middle School In-Class Resource Teacher to start effective January 1, 2022

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
 Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
 Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

Motion: Ms. Rogers
Second: Mrs. Caudo

- e. **APPROVE (roll call):** Accept the retirement, with regret, of Barbara Sooy effective 1/1/22.
- f. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the posting of the following anticipated full-time position for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year:
 - i. 1 Custodian to start effective January 1, 2022
- g. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the posting of the following hourly stipend position funded by the FY'21 CRRSA at the Community School:
 - i. 1 After School Remediation Staff member for up to 15 hours per week at the contractual rate.
- h. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve all certificated staff to work the after school remediation program at the Community School funded by FY'21 CRRSA at the contractual rate.
- i. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve Katherine Hillblom as an elementary school teacher for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year at a salary of \$52,456, Step BA-1, prorated to 10/5/21.
- j. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the hiring of Andrew Katapodis as a part-time paraprofessional at the Community School at step 1-BA and \$22,099 per year.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
 Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y

Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

XIII. Student Items

Motion: Ms. Rogers

Second: Mr. Guercioni

- a. **RATIFY and AFFIRM (roll call):** Motion to affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) incidents as reported in September by the Superintendent and resolved by the building principal, HIB Coordinator, or designee. *Attachment*

- b. **APPROVE (roll call):** Motion to affirm the Harassment, Intimidation, & Bullying (HIB) incidents as reported in October by the Superintendent and resolved by the building principal, HIB Coordinator, or designee.
Attachment

- c. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve the following tuition contracts for the 2021-2022 school year with the Atlantic County Special Services School District:
 - i. 1432694414018383342 in the severe cognitive impaired program for \$45,000.00.

- d. **APPROVE (roll call):** Approve a revised contract with ESCNJ for student ID #162837882547675181 to attend the Piscataway Regional Day School for \$48,060.00 for tuition and additional services of \$354 for the 2021-2022 school year. *Attachment*

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
 Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
 Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

XIV. Program Items

Motion: Mrs. Caudo

Second: Ms. Rogers

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Acceptance of New Jersey Child Assault Prevention (CAP) Program Grant for the 2021-2022 school year.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

XV. Professional Development

Motion: Mrs. Caudo

Second: Ms. Rogers

Professional development activities have been recommended by building Principals, approved by the Supervisor of Special Projects and the Superintendent as directly related to the fulfillment of individual professional improvement plans and/or required by the New Jersey Department of Education, Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), local student Individual Education Plans, or entitlement/discretionary grants. Adequate funds have been appropriated.

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** Professional Development Workshops for the 2021-2022 school year. *Attachment*

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

XVI. Policies / Regulations Items

Motion: Ms. Rogers

Second: Mr. Guercioni

- a. **APPROVE (roll call):** First reading of New/Revised Policies/Bylaws/Regulations as follows:

i. Policy 5141.10 - Face Coverings *Attachment*

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

ii. Policy 5141.11 - Vaccination and Testing *Attachment*

Mrs Seaver asked where these policies originated. Mrs Shulby explained they come from the School Boards Association and are mandated by the Department of Education.

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-N Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y

XVII. New Business

There were no comments

XVIII. Informational Items

XIX. Open to Public

Jeanette DePiero brought up how hard the administrators are working.

Donna Gauntt brought up dropping her kids off on Cincinnati Avenue and mentioned that there is no sidewalk, which causes a potential safety issue. She wanted to know if it was feasible to add a sidewalk there. Mrs. Shulby has talked to the mayor and city to try to create a new safe routes to school plan; that work is currently underway. It is a lengthy process that began recently, but Mrs. Shulby agreed that it is an issue she hopes is resolved and she will recommend it.

XX. Calendar Dates

- a. October 20, 2021 - Staff Development, 12:50 Dismissal
- b. November 2, 2021 - Election Day, Buildings Open
- c. November 4-5, 2021 - NJEA Convention, Buildings Closed
- d. November 10, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting

XXI. Adjournment Time

Motion: Ms. Rogers

Second: Mr. Guercioni

Time: 7:44

Roll Call: Mr. Bouchard ('21)-Y Ms. Caudo ('23) -Y
Mrs. DiGiacomo ('23) -Y Ms. Fuentes ('22) -Y
Mr. Guercioni, III ('22)-Y Ms. Rogers ('21) -Y Mrs. Seaver ('22) -Y